GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXPULSION OF PAK FROM NAM
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Non-aligned Movement (NAM) at its recent foreign minister s meet has agreed to debar Pakistan from its membership;

(a) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a), (b) & (c) During the XIIth NAM Ministerial Conference in Cartagena on 8-9 April, 2000, India had stated that the Movement should commit itself to rules of democracy, the rule of law and the preservation of fundamental rights and liberty.

As a result of India`s efforts, the Final Document of the XIIth NAM Ministerial meeting adopted a paragraph which calls for restoration, before the next OAU Summit, of constitutional legality in states whose governments had come to power through unconstitutional means and also recommends that this issue may be considered by NAM at its next Summit.This does not mean that NAM has agreed to debar Pakistan from its membership but it still has the effect of `exercising moral pressure on the current regime in Pakistan to restore democracy in the country.